

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
AND PUBLIC COMMENT**

PUBLIC MEETING: Board Meeting Room 250, Goochland County Administration Building, 1800 Sandy Hook Road, Goochland, Virginia, on January 31, 2008 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. A Technical Advisory Meeting also will be held on January 31, 2008 in the Board Meeting Room from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. This is a re-scheduled date. In case of inclement weather, check the DEQ website for a further rescheduled date.

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality and the Department of Conservation and Recreation are announcing the finalizing of a study to restore water quality, a public comment opportunity, a Technical Advisory Committee meeting, and public meeting.

MEETING DESCRIPTION: Final technical advisory committee and public meetings on a study to restore water quality

DESCRIPTION OF STUDY: Virginia agencies are working to identify sources of the bacterial contamination in the waters of the James River and its tributaries in the following jurisdictions -

Stream	County/City	Length (mi.)	Impairment
Byrd Creek	Fluvanna, Goochland, Louisa	25.97	Bacteria
Big & Little Lickinghole Creeks	Goochland	29.54	Bacteria
Fine Creek	Powhatan	10.34	Bacteria
Beaverdam Creek	Goochland, Louisa	8.73	Bacteria
James River	Fluvanna, Cumberland, Goochland, Powhatan	22.87	Bacteria
James River	Goochland, Powhatan	3.64	Bacteria

These streams are impaired for failure to meet the *Primary Contact (Recreational)* designated use because of bacterial standard violations.

The study reports the sources of bacterial contamination and recommends total maximum daily loads, or TMDLs, for the impaired waters. A TMDL is the total amount of a pollutant a water body can contain and still meet water quality standards. To restore water quality, bacterial levels have to be reduced to the TMDL amount.

HOW A DECISION IS MADE: The development of a TMDL includes a public comment period, including public meetings. After public comments have been considered and addressed, DEQ will submit the TMDL report to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for approval.

HOW TO COMMENT: DEQ accepts written comments by e-mail, fax or postal mail. Written comments should include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ during the comment period, January 31, 2008 to March 1, 2008. DEQ also accepts written and oral comments at the public meeting announced in this notice.

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